

TABLE 5 – TEAMS PROJECT: PARTNERSHIPS, HOW TO MAKE THEM HAPPEN!

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I. What Is Teams

- Statewide network and access supporting the use of alternatively fueled vehicles
- Consolidated approach to buying and fueling AFVs
- Partnership of federal, state, local governmental agencies, transit authorities, fuel providers, OEMs and TADA

II. Project Genesis

- TX *Clean Cities* strategic plans
- Local approach – Greater Houston Region
- Statewide approach
- Inclusion of federal fleets
- Fuel-neutral, OEM neutral

III. Committee Members

- TX *Clean Cities* Organizations
- Feds (GSA, DOE, EPA, USPS, FEB)
- State (GLO, TX DoT, GSC, RRC, TNRCC)
- Local (Cities & Counties in DFW area, Cities of Dallas, Houston, El Paso)
- Transits (Houston Metro, DART)
- Fuel Providers (Natural Gas, Propane, Methanol, Electric)
- OEMs (American Honda, Ford, Chrysler, GM)
- TX Automobile Dealers Association

IV. Committee Structure

- Steering – Oversee process
- Specification – Which vehicles
- Procurement Issues - State and Feds coordinating purchases
- Marketing/Recruiting – Getting the word out and soliciting participation

V. Certification Levels - Dedicated or Bi-Fuel

- One level better than current EPA requirements
- Concentrate vehicles in urban/non- attainment areas
- Focus on dedicated - bi-fuel acceptable

VI. The 3 Rs - Range, Repair, Resale

- Range is solved with new models and vehicles in urban areas
- Interface with TADA/OEMs to solve repair issues
- Finding markets for resale or transfer

VII. Funding for Incremental Costs

- Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality
- Other funding opportunities
- Legislation

VIII. MOU

- A Partnership for the Development of Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Infrastructure in the State of TEXAS among Federal, State and Local Governments And the Alternative Fuels Industry

IX. Where We Are - Where We're Heading

- Plans for signing of MOU
- *Clean Cities* Coordinators
- Program Funding
- The USA or Bust!